Baltimore. July. 15. 1853.

Dear Booth.

I write to ask you a favor. I have a lead ore to examine quantitatively for Silver, and as I have neither furnace or cupels, and cannot buy, borrow or beg them in this town, I want you to let Newton make the assay for me. I did not dare refuse to do it notwithstanding I have not the conveniences; for ~~to~~ my refusal would have proved ultimately disadvantageous to me as the employing parties are influential. I will therefore thank you to help me out of the dilemma.

It has been examined before and I am employed to verify or check the result whatever it may be; so tell Newton to be careful & repeat his assays for assurance sake; and to send me the silver buttons which he obtains. Let him do it on Monday as I have to make my return on Wednesday next at furthest. I send the sample by this evenings Express directed to College Avenue. It is an ore of

I am quite feeble and very unfit for labor but must work along for 6 or 10 days yet, before I can take vacation, in order to complete existing engagements.

With friendly regards

Yours truly

P. M.

Please let me know by return mail whether you can have the assays done for me in time.

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